

REMARKS

The remarks of the Reply filed July 12, 2007, are respectfully repeated by reference. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth in such remarks.

In addition to the amendments made on July 12, 2007, now entered as a matter of right, applicant has further amended claim 1 to specify that the blocking member is a separate member. Gu, even if the lips of the opening were to be considered a blocking member, has no separate blocking member.

Claim 1 is further amended above to specify that the blocking member is not only adjacent to but is also spaced from the inlet opening. Even if the lips of the opening of Gu were to be considered a blocking member, they are clearly not spaced from the inlet opening but actually define the inlet opening.

New claims 20-26 have been added. Claim 20 is patentable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claim 20 incorporates features of claim 3 calling for a blocking membrane which sealingly bears on the inside of the capsule wall in its flow preventing configuration in order to prevent outflow of body substance from the inner chamber. Such subject matter is clearly not disclosed by Gu.

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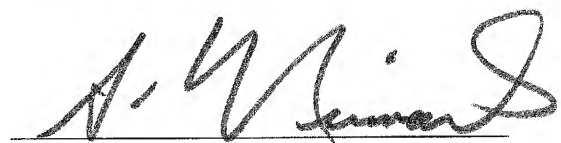
Claims 21-26 correspond respectively to the dependent portions of claims 2 and 4-8, and depend directly or ultimately from new claim 20. These claims are patentable because they depend from and incorporate the subject matter of patentable claim 20. Applicant reserves the right to argue that the dependent portions of these claims add additional patentable subject matter, if any such arguments become necessary or desirable.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for the reasons set forth in the Remarks of the Reply of July 12, 2007, and the additional Remarks above.

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